

REMARKS

This case is a continuation application of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/037,397, filed March 9, 1998, from which the applicants claim priority. The Applicants respectfully request further examination and reconsideration in view of the above preliminary amendment. By this preliminary amendment applicants have cancelled Claims 3, 14 and 20-30 and added new Claims 31-70. Accordingly, after the above preliminary amendment Claims 1, 2, 4-13, 15-19 and 31-70 are now pending.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims, as amended, are now in a condition for allowance, and allowance at an early date would be appreciated. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, they are encouraged to call the undersigned at (408) 530-9700 to discuss the same so that any outstanding issues can be expeditiously resolved.

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